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1 March 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Joint CIA/DIA Assessment of Vietnamese
Communist Capabilities and Intentions

1. Attached are five copies of a memorandum entitled "Assessment of Communist Capabilities and Intentions in South Vietnam in Light of North Vietnam's Actions Since the Ceasefire." This memorandum was prepared in response to a request levied at the WSAG Meeting on 23 February 1972.

2. As requested, the attached assessment was produced jointly by CIA and DIA (acting on behalf of the Department of Defense). The cooperation and support of our Defense Department colleagues were outstanding. There was only one difference of interpretation, which is clearly noted as such in the text of the memorandum's paragraph 9.

a. The CIA believes the North Vietnamese units in the northern portion of South Vietnam's MR 1 have already made up most of the equipment and manpower losses these units suffered during the heavy fighting of 1972.

b. The DIA believes that many of the Communist units in this area are still under strength in both manpower and armor.

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3. Copies of this memorandum are being sent to other WSAG principals and directly concerned senior officials in the Departments of State and Defense as indicated below.

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for James R. Schlesinger
Director

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Attachment

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- Copy No. 6 - Secretary Richardson
- Copy No. 7 - Deputy Secretary Clements
- Copy No. 8 - Admiral Moorer
- Copy No. 9 - General Haig
- Copy No. 10 - Vice Admiral de Poix
- Copy No. 11 - Major General Ott

- Copy No. 12 - Acting Secretary Rush
- Copy No. 13 - Under Secretary Porter
- Copy No. 14 - Dr. Cline

VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS STAFF
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

DATE: 2 March 1973

TO: Mr. Harry G. Barnes
Deputy Executive Secretary
FROM: Executive Secretariat
Department of State
SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Per your 2 March request, attached for the Executive Secretariat's use are two additional copies of each of the following two memoranda:

a. The 1 March CIA memorandum entitled "Factions Among the Khmer Insurgents";

b. The 1 March joint CIA/DIA memorandum entitled "Assessment of Communist Capabilities and Near Term Intentions in South Vietnam in The Light of North Vietnam's Actions Since the Ceasefire."

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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